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SUBJECT: INTEREST IN M-16 RIFLES

REF: (A) MUSCAT 3903 (B) MUSCAT 3890

1. WE CAN SEE NO INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM WITH OMANGOV REQUEST TO PURCHASE ABOUT 14,500 M-16A1 RIFLES AS INDICATED REFTEL.
2. COLT IS CURRENTLY QUOTING A DELIVERED PRICE FOR THE WEAPONSO OF \$312 EACH OR ABOUT \$4.5 MILLION FOR THE QUANTITY OMANGOV HAS IN MIND. THIS TOTAL FALLS WELL BELOW THE STATUTORY \$7 MILLION THRESHHOLD REQUIRING SALE UNDER FMS PROCEDURES. THOUGH WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER PROCESSING THE SALE AS AN FMS CASE, OMANGOV MIGHT SAVE THREE TO FOUR MONTHS' FMS PROCESSING TIME AND ADMINISTRATIVE
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CHARGES BY APPROACHING COLT DIRECTLY AND PROCEEDING ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS.

3. IN EITHER CASE, YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM USING UNOFFICIAL PRICE QUOTATIONS PROVIDED ABOVE.
4. WE NOTE THAT THE QUANTITY OF WEAPONS IS CONSIDERABLY

IN EXCESS OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEN IN THE OMANI FORCES.
WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS CONCERNING THE
PURPOSE WHICH OMANGOV HAS IN MIND FOR THE SURPLUS. CHRISTOPHER

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